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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY CONTROLS OF EXPORTS: JAPAN

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1. JAPAN'S EXPORT TRADE CONTROL ORDER (REF B) LISTS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS BEING INDEFINITELY EMBARGOED TO ASSURE ADEQUATE DOMESTIC SUPPLY. PARENTHEZIZED NUMBERS ARE BTN:

(1) TUNGSTEN ORE (2601940); (2) BULLION, HALF-FINISHED PRODUCTS AND SCRAP COPPER (7401200 AND 7401300); (3) FERRO-MOLYBDENUM (7302990); (4) KIBISO (A KIND OF SILK BY-PRODUCT) (5003000); (5) PEPPERMINT ROOTS (0301090) AND SAPLINGS (060200); (6) SHITAKE (A KIND OF MUSHROOM) FUNGUS (1203090); (7) SEN, BIRCH AND JAPANESE OAK LOGS (4403290); AND (8) CRUDE OIL (2709000), RAW OIL (2710620), VOLATILE OILS INCLUDING JET FUEL (2710100 TO 2710300), VOLATILE OILS INCLUDING JET FUEL (2710100 TO 2710300), KEROSENE (2710400), LIGHT OILS (2710500), HEAVY OILS (2710610), AND LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS (2711000).

2. SIMILARLY, EXPORT QUOTAS ARE IN EFFECT INDEFINITELY ON THE FOLLOWING TEN CATEGORIES TO ASSURE DOMESTIC SUPPLY: (1) NICKEL BULLION, HALF-FINISHED PRODUCTS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SCRAP (7501100 AND 7501200); (2) ALLOY STEEL INGOTS

(7306200) AND SCRAP (7303200); (3) SILKWORM COCOONS (5001000), SILKWORM EGGS (0515010), AND SILK BY-PRODUCTS EXCLUDING KIBISO (5003090); (4) RICE (1006000), BARLEY AND RYE BARLEY (1003000), AND WHEAT (1001000); (5) BRAN (2302000), RICE BRAN (2302100), AND WHEAT BRAN (2302200); (6) FISH FLOUR (2301210) AND FISH BY-PRODUCTS (0505000); (7) FERTILIZER (3102 THROUGH 3105); (8) EEL FRY (0301119); (9) MIXED FORAGE (2307090); AND (10) LARCH SEEDS (1203090).

QUOTAS ARE SET BY MITI AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHER MINISTRIES ON AN ANNUAL OR SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS DEPENDING ON THE DOMESTIC DEMAND-SUPPLY SITUATION FOR A GIVEN COMMODITY. ACTUAL QUOTA LEVELS ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC.

3. THE EXPORT OF THREE COMMODITIES ARE CONTROLLED BY STATE MONOPOLIES: TOBACCO AND SALT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE JAPAN MONOPOLY CORPORATION; AND ALCOHOL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ALCOHOL BUSINESS DEPT OF MITI.

4. THERE ARE NO EXPORT TAXES IN JAPAN; NOR ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS FROM SPECIFIC REGIONS WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

5. IN ADDITION TO EMBARGOES AND QUOTAS IMPOSED UNDER AUTHORITIES GRANTED BY THE EXPORT TRADE CONTROL ORDER, THERE ARE 77 EXPORT CARTELS FORMED TO MAINTAIN ORDERLY EXPORTS UNDER MITI AND FAIR TRADE COMMISSION APPROVALS AUTHORIZED BY THE EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADING LAW. UNDER THIS LAW, EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATIONS ARE EMPOWERED BY MITI TO EXECUTE EXPORT CONTROLS PRIMARILY AS A MEANS OF PREVENTING AN OVER-CONCENTRATION OF JAPANESE EXPORTS TO A SINGLE COUNTRY THEREBY INVITING THE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT QUOTAS OR NEW TARIFFS. GENERALIZED QUOTAS ARE CURRENTLY AND INDEFINITELY IN EFFECT FOR ONLY CERAMIC KITCHENWARE AND METAL FLATWARE; BUT MANY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THIS MECHANISM WHICH IS LESS FORMAL AND LESS CUMBERSOME THAN THE OFFICIAL EXPORT LICENSE PROCEDURE OUTLINED ABOVE.

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